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SUBJECT: FRG DEFENSE WHITE BOOK: EAST-WEST FORCE DATA  
FOR CENTRAL REGION

BEGIN SUMMARY: IN VIEW OF MBFR DATA ISSUE, ADDRESSEES  
MAY BE INTERESTED IN THE FOLLOWING REGIONAL NATO-WP  
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BALANCE OF FORCE FIGURES, AS OF NOV 1, 1973, AND AS

SET FORTH IN 1973/1974 FRG DEFENSE WHITE BOOK.  
END SUMMARY

1. LAND FORCE DATA SHOWS 28 2/3 DIVISIONS, COMPRISING 802,000 NATO FORCES, IN THE FRG, THE THREE BENELUX COUNTRIES AND DENMARK; FRENCH FORCES IN THE FRG ARE INCLUDED. (FOR FRG AND BENELUX ONLY, WHICH FOOTNOTE DESCRIBES AS EXPECTED MBFR REDUCTION AREA, THERE ARE 775,000 NATO FORCES.)

2. LAND FORCE DATA SHOWS 60 DIVISIONS, COMPRISING 920,000 WP FORCES, IN THE GDR, POLAND AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA; FOOTNOTE SAYS CHANGE IN THESE FIGURES FROM 1971/72 WHITE BOOK RESULTS FROM GROWTH OF ABOUT 20,000 IN PERSONNEL AND FROM NEW INFORMATION CONCERNING THE STRENGTH AND ORGANIZATION OF UNITS. DATA ALSO COUNTS 30 DIVISIONS, COMPRISING 340,000 WP FORCES IN THE THREE WESTERN MILITARY DISTRICTS OF THE SOVIET UNION.

3. ON BATTLE TANKS, DATA COUNTS 6200 FOR NATO FORCES IN THE FRG, BENELUX AND DENMARK, 15,500 FOR WP FORCES IN GDR, POLAND AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA, AND 6800 FOR WP FORCES IN THE USSR. FOOTNOTE SAYS THESE BATTLE TANK FIGURES DO NOT INCLUDE LIGHT TANKS, BATTLE TANKS IN A NUMBER OF SOVIET UNITS IN THE WESTERN FORWARD AREA OF THE SOVIET UNION, WHICH ARE IN THE PROCESS OF FORMATION OR REORGANIZATION, AND THE AVAILABLE RESERVES. WHITE BOOK ADDS THAT SUCH TANKS, EXCLUDED FROM FORCE COMPARISON, ARE CONSIDERABLY LARGER ON THE WP THAN NATO SIDE. AS A WHOLE, THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN NATO AND WP BATTLE TANKS IS STATED AS ABOUT THREE TO ONE.

4. AIR FORCE DATA SHOWS 2900 NATO TACTICAL AIRCRAFT IN "ALL EUROPEAN COMMAND AREAS OF NATO" AND 7400 WP TACTICAL AIRCRAFT IN "ALL WP COUNTRIES PLUS ONLY WESTERN MILITARY DISTRICTS AND AIR DEFENSE AREAS OF THE USSR"; THESE AIRCRAFT DO NOT INCLUDE NAVAL AIR FORCES. BREAKDOWN OF THESE FIGURES SHOWS: (A) RECONNAISSANCE AIRCRAFT - 400 NATO AND 800 WP; (B) FIGHTER-BOMBERS - 1800 NATO AND 1800 WP; (C) FIGHTERS - 700 NATO AND 4800 WP--OF THESE  
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TACTICAL FIGHTERS, FOOTNOTE SAYS ABOUT 100 NATO AND ABOUT 2100 WP AIRCRAFT CAN BE EMPLOYED ALSO AS FIGHTER-BOMBERS.

5. FINALLY, AIR FORCE DATA COUNTS ABOUT 1000 NATO AIR DEFENSE MISSILE SYSTEMS IN FRG AND BENELUX, AND ABOUT 1200 SUCH WP MISSILE SYSTEMS IN THE GDR, POLAND AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

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